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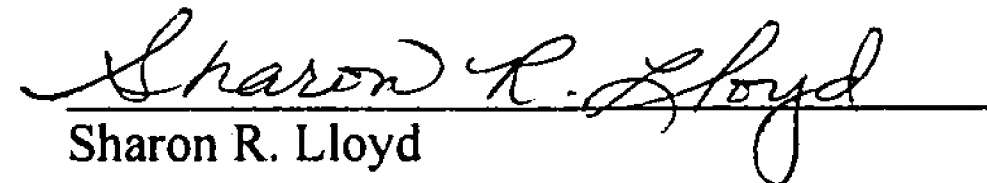
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AMENDMENT

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action in the above-identified patent application, mailed April 11, 2006.

Applicants hereby request entry of a one month extension of time and the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.